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More on Abbas

At a seminar the other day on terrorism and the law, Arnaud de Borchgrave, editor in chief of The Washington Times, squared off against Benjamin Bradlee, executive editor of The Washington Post, over the propriety of NBC's interview with international terrorist Mohammed Abu Abbas. Although Abbas, head of the Palestine Liberation Front, is wanted by the United States, Israel and Italy, NBC refused to disclose the fugitive's location during the May 5 interview.

Mr. Bradlee defended the broadcast, asking what reporter wouldn't jump at an opportunity to have an exclusive interview with President Reagan at an undisclosed site in Iowa.

"That's the most ridiculous thing I ever heard," interrupted Mr. de Borchgrave. "You're equating the president of the United States with a known terrorist."

"Dammit, Arnaud," Mr. Bradlee fired back. "You always do this to me."

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